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Dear Skipper,
Open Class Fleet
Lake Mission Viejo Sailing Club

Enclosed are a few items I hope will interest you:

1. Sailing Club News, Minutes of Club Meeting of September 13.

As you'll notice under "Fleet News", I am captain of the Open Class. With some embarrassment, I have to admit this was a self-appointment. I feel that others in our group are at least equally, if not more, qualified and a mutiny will not be necessary if you chose to replace me.

However, I am willing to serve in this "appointed" position! My sailing experience started in my early teens (when all boats were wood) and includes being skipper and/or crew on such one-design boats as sabots, dusters, sailfish, blue-jays, moths and lightnings, and in PHRF handicapped boats including a Columbia 26 and a CAL 33.

I am convinced that the open class can be a rewarding class to participate in, and with your help, we'll be the largest, most active class on the Lake.

Don't forget, the most popular boats are not necessarily the best boats for you and your family. You have a boat now and with our class you can race competitively without reinvesting in the "in" boat of the moment.

2. Results of the Labor Day Regatta.

Please note the closeness of the corrected times. I seriously doubt that any of the "one design" classes had such close finishes. This proves to me that the handicapping concept works.

3. Racing Rules.

Larry Eaks put together the enclosed recap of yacht racing rules. I hope it will be useful to you.

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4. Next Regatta.

In spite of the information given in the Sailing Club News, the Columbus Day Regatta will be held on Saturday, October 7 for Juniors and Sunday, October 8 for everyone.

Please register at the Association administration building as soon as possible.

Finally, do you know of any potential open class skippers? Call my office (or home 830-0670) and give me their name and address. I'll see that they get the enclosed information.

I look forward to seeing you, or hearing from you, soon and receiving your comments, suggestions, etc.

Sincerely,



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